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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO Form SB08A. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed PTO Form No. 1449, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). The paragraphs marked below are applicable. It is believed that no fees other than those indicated below are due, but authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees due, or to credit any overpayment, to deposit account 11-0600.

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- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a corresponding foreign application. An English language version of the Japanese Office Action is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references appears in the Information Sheet attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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